जवाब है । मैं इतना ही कहना चाहता हूं जो माननीय सदस्या ने मिनिमम सपोर्ट प्राइस का कहा है, कि हम जे.सी.आई. के जरिए उससे नीचे प्राइस गिरने नहीं देंगे और किसानों का जूट जले नहीं इसका भी इंतजाम जरूर करेंगे । एक्सपोर्ट का जो उन्होंने कहा तो हमारी पालिसी में यह है कि एक्सपोर्ट तब करेंगे जब अच्छे मिल रहे होंगे ।

श्री सभापति : जब अच्छे पैसे मिलेंगे।

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: How does the Gwernment propse to protect the growers as well as jute industry from the onslaught of the imported artificial fibre, high density propylene and ether man-made fibre and bags made of that fibre?

श्री शरद यादव : सभापति महोदय, इसमें तो यह सवाल उठता नहीं है, लेकिन हमारा तो मैन मेन फाइबर से जो बैग्ज बनते हैं उसमें एफ.सी.आई. और तमाम जो स्टेट कार्पोरेशन्ज हैं उनको सबको कंप्लसरी जूट बैग लेने पड़ते हैं और उसके नियम बने हुए हैं और जो आपने कहा है तो प्रोटैक्शन अपने आप मिला हुआ है और उस पर हम काम लोग करते रहते हैं ।

Violation of customs Rules by Aparna Ashram of Shri Dhirendra Brahmchari

*202. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minster of FINANCE be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article in the Illustrated Weekly of India of 3rd June, 1990 issue, to the effect that Aparna Ashram of Shri Dhirendra Brahmchari was given customs duty exemption for the import of a Telemetric Polygraph-System from Japan;

I (b) whether Government are awar that instead of importing this medical equipment Aparna Ashram has imported studio equipment for commercial use; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or proposed to take against Aparna Ashram for the infringement of provisions of Customs Act ?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Enquiries are being made to ascertain the facts regarding the allegations contained in the said article in the Illustrated Weekly in this regard.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Shv our Minister's reply is quite strange. I do not know why the Government has to ascertain the fact only after the things came in the Illustrated Weekly. Things are happening since 1981. It is not a recent case. It started in 1981. Everybody knows that Brahmchari once was having a political favour at the highest level.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You question is why they did not takr cognizance before the article ap peared in the "Illustrated Weekly.'-Is that your question? You come' to your question quickly. Otherwise, you will ask three questions.

AN HON. MEMBER: This is part (a) of the question.

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI: It is better if he formulates the question from now on.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: This Brahmachari applied to ICMF for income-tax exemption for import

of medical equipment for Aparna Ashram. He said he would collect a sum of Rs. 21.89 crores. Now, Sir, in 1981 he got income-tax exemption. The Government should have known the happenings of 1981. Immediately thereafter he applied for customs clearance and customs exemption for importing medical equipment worth Rs. 1.20 crores. But instead of importing medical equipment...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your question is about the import of a Tele-metric Polygraph System from Japan, but if you start from 1980, it will be like Mahabharata starting from *adiparv.*

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: He applied for importing this medical equipment but actually he imported video equipment for students and for that he got customs clearance and customs exemption.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What did he import in place of this System?

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: He imported viedo equipment.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Has he done that? Was this System imported in 1981?

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: It is '1981, not now. It is okay. That is why I am saying the Government ought to have known the fact.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Naturally he has to find out the record of 9 years.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Is the Government going to fix responsibility ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then you bring Chavanji on this side and he will do it.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE Sir, the article to which a reference has been made—the article in the Illustrated Weekly of India— is a very lengthy article. Now the question that has been asked, as you rightly summarised, Sir, is a specific question as to whether Aparna Ashram of Shri Dhirendra Brahmachari was given customs duty exemption for the import of a Telemertic Polygraph System from Japan and whether Government are aware that instead of importing that particular equipment, for which he had the customs duty exemption, he had actually imported studio equipment for commercial use. Sir, since the question was of a limited nature and, as he rightly pointed out, it was supposed to have been imported in earlier years, I had to rely on documents that were available or not available. I wish to make it very clear that we carefully went through all the documents and also the photostat that has been published in the • "Illustrated Weekly.'[1]

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: What do you mean by saying "not available"? Has the Government no file?.. We also come from Maharasthra.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Don't get angry. I will clarify. I cannot reply anger with anger.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: I am not angry. I am only worried. Airbus file is gone. Now this file is gone. What is the Government doing?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: We are trying to find out the file that has been missing.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: The Finance Minister is wrong. Hon. Member from Maharashtra is not angry. He is only anguished.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And it is explained by another Member from Maharasthra.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It is Mahrashtra lobby. In Maharashtra, "angry" can be substituted by "anguished".

श्री सभापति : अरे, इन लोगों की मिली जोड़ होती है। मिली जोड़ समझते हो।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Sir, I am glad that behind his anger, Mr. Salve has been able to discover anguish. I do not mind and I will try to reply to that also.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: He is anguislnd at the non-availability of the file now.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, as has been made very clear, when we got this information from the Illustrated Weekly and when we got this question, we tried to trade whether under any provisions the certificates was given. The exemption was given for that particular instrument to which there is a reference—Telemetric Polygraph System. Sir, it is a system by which different aberrations in different parts of the body, whether in the brain or heart, can be recorded and from a distance.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is very good.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Good or bad, I do not know.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It may be useful in the Rajya Sabha.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: So, the documents on this particular aspect of the customs duty exemption, we could not trade at all. We tried our best to trace them. Otherwise . we will try to get collaborative evidence. In the article the photostat copy has already been published in the Illustrated Weekly. On the basis of that we will make full investigation and try to find out what is that source and if the original document has been missing, in that case we will try to trace the origin of this pho-tostate copy and find out whether it is genuine. On the basis of that we will proceed.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA :The file must be with the Illustrated Weekly.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Madam, I will take your assistance to make the enquiry.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Not in the Brahmachari's case.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: There is no comparison between Brahmachari and you.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: The Minister's reply is causing far more concern. He is depending on the article in the Illustrated Weekly and the files are not availlable. Sir, it is a deep mystery because this Brahmachari has been indulging in shady deals since 1980-81. I can recall that in 1983 Dr. Farooq Abdullah him-self raided the Shiva gun factory in Jammu but he could not prove any thing though he found all sorts of irregularities being committed in the factory because of the Brahmachari's political clout. Now, from the Minister reply it appears that files and papers are missing.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: If your suggestion is that he should get in touch with Dr. Farooq Abdullah, he will do it.. . *(Interruptions)*.. .

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: What I suggest is, that political clout is gone now. I don't think the Minister will agree that there is any political clout with the Government now. Is it not so?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your question ? Come *to* the question, please.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: So, there is enough scope to institute a thorough

inquiry into the deals of the Brahma-chari, not only of the Aparna Ashram but all the shady deals, find out the files and fix responsibility.....*(Interruptions)*.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you go thoroughly into all the dealings of the Brahmachari? That is his question.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE I will refer to his specific question, Sir. Though Brahmachari is supposed to be committed to non-attachment, it has been clear from the Illustrated *Weekly* .....*(Interruptions*

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: What kind of attachment? .....*(Interruptions)*.....

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE I am only referring to property. Sir, as far as the documentation and information given in the *Illustrated Weekly* are concerned, the various assets which he is likely to possess consist of (1) a gun factory...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are going to go into everything?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE Yes, everything, Sir... . *(Interruptions)* ...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Let us know what he is going into.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is what he is saying.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Let us have a broad glimpse of his vast assets, Sir.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: In all humility let me point out to you-I cannot encroach on your authority— that I am only referring to the question that he has asked.

MR. CHAIRMAN: His question is: Will you go thoroughly into the dealings of the Brahmachari? That's all. That covers everything.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, all dealings do not fall within my jurisdiction.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Only financial. .. *(Interruptions)*.. .

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: You are not referring to dealings *qua* Brahmachari. He is referring to dealings *qua* an assessee.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Taking up a clue from his question, in the *Illustrated Weekly* despatch it has already been said that there are three types of assets~a gun factory, a video studio and also an aircraft company. And he is quite right. According to the despatch which has appeared here, he has denied that he has a gun factory which manufactures guns. It was Sheikh Abdullah who gave the instruction to conduct...

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: Farooq Abdullah,.. .*(Interruptions)* ...

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: I am sorry, I am sorry, I went into the root of the problem, Siri... *(Interruptions)* .. .

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Sir, this is not fair. Why bring in Sheikh Abdullah?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Atalji, do you think I compare between this Chief Minister and the previous Chief Minister? Obviously, it was a slip of the tongue. So I withdraw my statement... . *(Interruptions)* . ..It was just a slip.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is, you are going into everything. That's all. You have agreed to it asid that matter ends.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, he has asked a specific question: Is it correct that the *Illustrated Weekly* does say that Dr. Farooq Abdullah did conduct a raid and it was found that that particular factory, instead of manufacturing indigenous guns, was

trying to actually assemble Spanish gun parts? Now all these aspects and assets will have to be gone into, and since these aspects fall within my Jurisdiction, we will have a thorough inquiry of all that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, another Brahmachari-Shri Jagdish Prasad Mathur!... *(Interruptions)* ...He is theright person to ask a question because Atalji refused to ask a question.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir. *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has precedence over you because he is a Brahmachari!

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: All Brahmacharis will be asked now. What about us?

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have had your time. You have been a Brahmachari, I know.

. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Unfortunately, I am not a Brahmachari: I am a married person.

MR. CHAIRMAN: But you were a Brahmachari sometime back.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: That was till I was 15 years of age.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He is leading a Brahmachari's life!

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : साहब जी बूढ़े हो जाते हैं वे भी ब्रह्मचारी जैसे ही हैं । बुजुर्ग हैं ।

श्री सभापति : आप बुढ़ापे के ब्रह्मचारी हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर : श्रीमन, अब इस खुली महफिल में तो पर्दा मत उघाड़िये इनका ।

वैसे कई सवाल मेरे मित्र ने पूछ लिये हैं, केवल एक बात पूछूंगा । क्या मंत्री महोदय को यह भी मालूम है कि जहां पर गन फैक्टरी आदि में घपले थे वहां पर उन्होंने जम्मू के पास एक बहुत बड़ा हवाई अड्डा भी बनाया था और जिसमें उन्होंने लम्बी-चौड़ी टावर आदि बनायी थी।

दूसरे अभी कुछ दिन पहले उनके कर्मचारियों ने भी हड़ताल की थी। उनकी सैलरी आदि नहीं दी गयी और नौकरी में रखने आदि की भी एक नहीं, कई शिकायतें हैं दुराचार की भी कई शिकायतें हैं । क्या मंत्री महोदय, की जांच में हवाई-अड्डा, नौकरियों मे गड़बड और अन्य गड़बड़े भी शामिल होंगी।

प्रो. मधु दण्डवते : फाइनेंस के साथ ताल्लुक रखने वाली जितनी गड़बड़ उन्होंने की होगी, उन सभी की जांच हम करेंगे । यह आश्वासन मैंने पहले ही दिया है।

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, thank you very much for calling me. I am chasing this crook, Brahmachari for the last seven years,. I have brought all the question and a pull-out from the computer, on how many questions I have asked on this Brahmachari. All along the Government is trying to shield him right from Farooq Abdullah to Delhi. Previously also it was stated that enquires were going on. For seven years enguiries are going on. Now it has been disclosed that the file is missing. I take cue from Mr. Sukomal Sen and my friend, Mr Mathur. All the manipulations of Brahmachari in importing without duty an aircraft, swindling the Government, getting a false customs certificates, you are enquiring into. But in the meantime these vital assets of Brahmachari will be extinguished. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : What are the vital assets of the Brah-hari ?

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : Sir, as stated in the "ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY" and other magazines,

assets are not only...

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE : Apa-saheb, for an accountant, there are two kinds of assets. They are either tangible or intangible. They are either valuable or valueless. But vital assets is a new concept. Will he clarify what is the vital asset he is referring to ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Everybody understood it.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI : The vital assets of Mr. Salve and those of a crook like Brahmachari are different. This Ashram and all those things, these yogas and. all those ladies and women and everything else, I am not enquiring about. I Want to know from you whether at least the customs certificate which was given, is available in the Finance Minister and how that customs certificate for the aircraft, for the medical equipment were taken from the Finance Ministry. On what ground or on what political consideration ?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Sir, as far as granting of exemptions and recognising it as a research institute are concerned, there are three procedures. One is *ad hoc* exemption. That is directly given by the Finance Ministry, that is, the Revenue Department. One is the claim of the medical equipment. For that the Director-General of Health Services has to issue a certificate. Not only that, but he has to establish that that equipment is not produced indigenously. Thirdly, it is the DGTD which has actually to give a certificate regarding the scientific research institute that it is a genuine scientific institution. It is only on that basis. We find from the records these formalities have not been gone through. At least the documents are not available.

As regards the question the hon. Member has asked and just as he has brought the computer papers indicating how many questions he has asked, I have also got a computer paper regarding the number of questions I have asked in the other House. I find that the questions are almost identical. Therefore, that is all the reason why we will take note of all this information that is there with him on the computer paper.

As regards the assets, I would not say vital assets, because it will be an unparliamentary expression, but all the assets to which he has made a reference and all the transactions to which he has made a reference, you can rest assured in a time-bound manner we will inquire into the matter and come up with the findings before the House.

श्री सभापति : आपके और इनके सवाल एक से थे, कम्प्यूटर में भी एक से आये तो यह कुश्ती थी ना।

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA : *

MR. CHAIRMAN : Nothing will go on record.

क्या कर रहे हैं आप ? आप तो एडवोकेट हैं । आपका जब नाम बुलाया जाए तब बोलिये । मालवीय जी, आप पूछिये ।

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : महोदय, धीरेन्द्र ब्रह्मचारी का एक योग केन्द्र अशोक रोड पर भी है और इसके संबंध में वित्त विभाग को काफी शिकायतें दी गई थीं और इसी सदन में कहा गया था कि कुछ जांच कराई जा रही है । तो मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : Our information is that when he got some approval for the scien-

*Not recorded.

tific institution, he .actually employed a team of" scientists; and fastead of the team of scientists going to the institutions, which they were supposed to cater, he is right that they were located in Delhi and we don't 'know what scientific work was going on there. Therefore, when we enquire into the matter we will take all these aspects into . account, including the one which the hon. Member has made a reference to.*

SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SA LARIA : The hon. Finance Minister is considering the assets created by Brahmchari I would invite his attention to the fact that in the State of J & K in Udhampur, the Brahmchari has occupied forest land measuring over 200 kanals and State land measuring over 150 kanals, on which- he has built properties worth crores of rupees. I would like to know for the purchase of all this property, from where that money came. I would also like to know whether that income was at all assessed and what is the source thereof ? That should be inquired into.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : I think I have given a general assurance that we will inquire in depth into all the financial assets" of Brahmchari.

MR. CHAIRMAN :. Now, he assures you.

Recommendation of the Falta Exportprocessing zone advisory committeeon export processing zones

*203. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MI-SHRAf : DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of | COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Falta Export Processing Zone Advisory Commit:

The question "was actually asked on the floor of the House, by Shri Shiy Pratap Mishra. .

tee had, at its first meeting held on July 3, 1990, urged the Central Government to bring about some policy modifications so as to extend more incentives for Export Processing Zones ; and

«' (b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU) : (a) and (b) Two,meetings of the Advisory Committee set up for the Falta Export Processing Zone have been held, one on July 13, 1990 and another on August 4, 1990. Formal proposals from the Deve lopment Commissioner on the recommendations of the Committee are awaited.

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: To boost up the country's exports and earn more foreign exchange, what are the detailed incentives recommended by. Export. Processing Zone Committee and what action has been taken thereof?

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU : As I mentioned earlier, its meetings were held on 13th of July and on 4th of August. Only on 20th of August we have received the recommendations. We have-asked the Development Commissioner to give his comments. I say so because it is after we receive the comments of the Development Commissiorfer, that we will have a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries,- which involves many Ministries. Then the Commerce Ministry will take a view. I have, however, got a copy of. their report. I can also give answer as to what we are planning to do. But I think it would be a little premature to do that. So\, we should wait ' for the comments of the Development Commissioner, because that is the procedure. •

' SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: May I know from the Minister whether the Government proposes to set up more export processing